

Conferences, Farmers - 1935

400 Negro Farmers

Attend Rally Here Annual Negro Farmer Meeting Held Friday

The eighth annual Montgomery County Conference of negro farmers met at the local State Teachers' College Friday, with President O. C. Crowe, presiding.

Despite the prevailing low temperature and the call of many farmers of the county to the several community-meetings held throughout the county-at-large almost 400 farmers and farm women registered in this conference.

The meeting was called under the auspices of J. T. Alexander, county demonstration agent, and Home Demonstration Agent A. M. Boynton. During the morning separate sessions were held for the men and women. Addressing the farmers were E. C. Robbs, State agent of Tuskegee, who gave a practical talk mixed with demonstrations and specimens exhibits, on "Field Crops" and "Poultry Raising." J. D. Turner, State 4-H Club agent, also of Tuskegee, stressed the importance and achievements of the 4-H Club work.

Meantime the farm women were being addressed by Prof. M. B. Harper and Prof. O. B. Anderson, State Teachers' College, on "Diet and Nutrition." State Home Demonstration Agents L. C. Hanna and L. C. Dent, Tuskegee, gave a talk on "A Canning Budget for One Person" and "A Health Demonstration" respectively. Nurses R. T. Thomas and V. L. Davis spoke in detail on some of the pronounced health problems affecting negroes.

Called by the appealing musical strains of the college orchestra to the famous Tullibody Hall for the general session at 12:15, the conference gathered to receive a cordial welcome to the State Teachers' College, which for the past several years has given its full cooperation and support to this conference, by Principal E. C. Russell, who spoke in behalf of President H. C. Trenholm, now on leave for study at the University of Chicago.

The keynote address was by the Rev. A. E. Gregory, pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, whose topic was "Farm Accounting."

Another feature of the conference was the "big dinner" served in Kilby Dining Hall to the accompaniment of the Bama State Collegians' music. On the outside physical culture stunts were in performance by members of the physical education classes. Other special selections were rendered by the school quartet, and by the famous Macedonian 4-H Club.

Local visitors, including representatives from the business, professional and ministerial groups, and other visitors from the extension department joined heartily with the farmers in expressing considerable interest in and satisfaction with the proceedings of the day's conference, the success of which was due to the efficiency, vision and untiring efforts of the two local demonstration

agents, J. T. Alexander and A. M. Boynton.

Annual Negro Farmer Meeting Held Friday

More than 700 farmers met for the fourth annual negro farmers' and homemakers conference Friday, January 11th, at the Chambers County Training School.

After the devotional exercises conducted by Rev. O. D. Slaughter, and an arousing welcome by Professor E. S. Handy, principal, the conference was divided into group meetings consisting of women and girls in charge of Mamie I. Nolan, supervisor of negro schools, and Dennie Slaughter, of the home economics department, while the men and boys were in charge of D. B. Armstrong, teacher of vocational agriculture, and J. A. Kitchens, farm agent for Chambers County colored farmers.

Subjects discussed by the women were "Parental Care of Pre-School Age Children," by Alicia Sims; "Sex Education in the home," Mamie I. Nolan; "What Part Can the Women Play Toward the Development of the school," Essie Handy, and a demonstration by Dennie Slaughter, showing "How to Utilize Left-Over Food Stuffs."

The men's program consisted of a 5-minute talk each on "What I Have Done to Keep Off Relief," led by "Buck" Martin, who told in a brief way how he had organized first, his family, and second, all the forces on the farm to raise as far as possible everything needed in the way of food for the family and feed for live stock and have a little to sell. Several successful farmers and business men spoke on the subject, among whom were Dock Adams, White Plains community; Mack Slaughter, Titanic community, and Thomas Magby, Stroud community.

Featuring the morning session for the men was a demonstration given by Professor S. J. Phillips, of the Tuskegee Institute faculty, on "Killing, Cutting and Curing Meat on the Farm." Meat for the demonstration was furnished by Boyd's market.

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First prize, Pauline Bledsoe; second prize, Willella Williams; third prize, Susie Bledsoe.

Best exhibit of farm products by men:

First prize, Henry Bledsoe; second prize, Jim Carlisle; third prize, Cap Williams.

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ANNUAL COLORED FARMERS CONFERENCE

The Annual Negro Farmers Conference of Elmore County will be held at the County Training School, Wednesday January 30th. At this conference, as in former years, the farmers of the county meet to discuss the "live at home" program as presented by the County farm agent

G. Manly. Exhibits of meat and other farm products will be shown. At this meeting the farmers are requested to bring anything they may have to show what the live at home program stands for. The main speaker for this occasion will be T. M. Campbell of Tuskegee, who was the first colored agent to be appointed to do demonstration work among his people; who is at present responsible for the Negro work in seven Southern states. The meeting will be called to order at eleven o'clock when it is hoped that all exhibits will be in place. Thirty minutes will be spent in general "experience" talks by the farmers and then the main address. We are especially anxious to have our white friends attend this meeting.

NEGRO FARMERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE HERE JAN. 25

J. B. Jordan, county agent for Negroes announces that a conference of Negro farmers has been called for Friday, Jan. 25, at the Conecuh County Training School. The purpose of the meeting is to work out and adopt a farming program for the ensuing year. All negro farmers are urged to be present. The following program has been arranged.

Welcome, C. A. Jackson.

The Negro and the Farm Bureau, P. L. Wright.

Song by the school.

Where we failed in 1934—Where to improve, N. Kolock.

Safe Farming Program for 1935, J. B. Jordan.

The Negro and Rehabilitation program, R. M. Pitts.

Melody, J. B. Jordan.

The place of health in the rehabilitation program, Dr. E. L. Kelly.

Round table discussion by farmers present.

Remarks by Supt. M. A. Hanks.

Benediction.

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NEGROES START COUNTY BUREAU

Colored Planters Organize To Cooperate With Gov't Leaders

Negro farmers of Dallas county will be organized into the Dallas County Colored Farm Bureau at a meeting held Thursday in the Moorer building, the purpose of the organization to be cooperation with the Alabama Extension Service and United States Department of Agriculture to be cooperation with a definite program of work that will bring about better economic, social and educational conditions among colored farm families. Herbert Kahn, of Berlin, was made president; Paige Keith, of Orrville, vice president; Livingston Fluker, of Orrville, secretary; and Brack Martin, Selma, treasurer.

Named to the board of directors were Henry Whitehead, Marion Junction; J. L. Gulley, Route 2, Selma; B. F. Hunter, Minter; James Mauldin, Beloit; Farmer Johnson, Route 4, Selma; Paige Keith, Orrville; L. C. Fluker, Orrville; Brack Martin, Selma; and Herbert Kahn, Berlin.

S. W. Boynton, negro farm agent, presided over the meeting.

Dadeville, Ala. Record
February 11, 1935

NEGRO FARMERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE AT CAMP HILL

Pursuant to an agreement of local leaders in meeting held December 1, 1934, the eighth annual session of the Tallapoosa County Negro Farmers Conference was set for February 22, 1935, at the County Training School in Camp Hill. Despite the length of the depression and its dire effects on the farmer, the outlook for the best conference ever held is very bright. The ham show has been the twin-sister of the conference since its organization. In the past the term, ham show, has been very loosely used, permitting all parts of the hog to be exhibited. This ham show will be confined strictly to hams, and prizes will

be awarded for the largest ham, the smallest ham, the best shaped ham, the best cured ham, and the prettiest ham.

All prize winners will be required to tell the story of their meat production. As in the past, the agent will have to depend on the generous spirit of the friends of extension work among negro farmers for the prizes to be awarded. You have never failed to give and I do not believe you will fail now. We have prepared a good practical program and we have invited speakers who are experts on the subject matter to carry it out. The public is invited to attend the conference.

Respectfully yours,

D. D. Crawford, Co. Agt.

THE SECOND ANNUAL NEGRO FARMERS' CONFERENCE

Thursday, February 14th, was a gala day at the Choctaw County Training School at Lisman where the Negro Second Annual Farmers' Conference was held.

By this time you have no doubt heard that the conference was quite a success. Professor Banks, the vocational teacher, Thomas R. Agnew, Farm Demonstration Agent of Choctaw County, Principal Pickett and others were outstanding in preparing for the conference.

The meeting was largely attended, not only by the farmers, but by many visitors both white and colored. Some of the distinguished white citizens present were: Superintendent Zack Rogers, Professor Kitchen, vocational teacher at Silas High School, his Home Economic teacher, Mrs. Bertie Palmer, Relief Director, and Mrs. Louise Boney. Mrs. Palmer had a special part in the program and discussed in a very interesting way the Rehabilitation and the Negro in Choctaw County. Supt. Rogers came forward with a message of hope and cheer to the Conference.

Farmer Eddie Young of Edna, Ala. discussed "My Experience with Austian Winter Peas and Vetch". Farmer Young believes in the "Live

At Home" slogan and as a result he is a prosperous farmer. Other so-called farmers would do well to emulate this outstanding farmer. Mr. A. A. Hicks, Farm Demonstration Agent of Clark spoke on the Live At Home program. Mr. Hicks encouraged the farmers to improve their home conditions from every standpoint. After a few minutes of recreation, Principal Pickett, in well chosen words, presented the principal speaker in person, the great Negro scientist, in fact one of the greatest scientists of the world, Dr. George Washington Carver, Agriculture, Chemist and Research, Tuskegee Institute.

It is not necessary to say that Dr. Carver thrilled the audience with his lecture and demonstrations. His demonstrations should increase ones appreciation for the peanut. Numerous products have been made from the peanut by this outstanding chemist. Milk, both sweet and buttermilk, cream, butter, three kinds of flavors, coffee, dyes, shampoos, beauty cream, ink, fine paper for every purpose, rubber, varnish and oil for the treatment of infantile paralysis were some of the products displayed by Dr. Carver. Several instances were given of individuals helped by this wonderful oil. At the conclusion of this interesting address, Miss Eddye Maye Money sang very, very beautifully the Negro Spiritual, "Stand By Me".

The decoration was unique and advanced the idea of a New Day in Farming. In the back ground could be seen the sun with its beautiful rays. There were hams to encourage a full smokehouse, eggs, poultry, cotton seed for better cotton, sorghum seed to encourage the farmers to produce more molasses, bales of hay for feed, and canned fruits, all typical examples of what it meant by the Live At Home program. This decoration typified very plainly the results of practical scientific farming--the New Day in Agriculture.

The following is a list of business men and women who gave prizes to the ones who had the best exhibits at the Second Annual Negro Farmers Conference on Thursday, Feb-

ruary 14th at the Choctaw County Training School, Lisman, Ala.

Dr. S. T. Miler, Yantley, first prize on Tomato Soup \$1.00
Mr. E. H. Moore, Lisman, first prize on canned peaches 2.00
Locke Motor Co., Butler, first prize on Hams 2.00
Mr. J. Woodie Cook, Lisman, first prize on Seed Corn 1.00
Mr. F. L. Brown, Pushmataha, first prize on Scarfs 1.00
Choctaw Drug Store, Butler, first prize on canned corn, in trade 1.00
Butler Cash Grocery, Butler, first prize on Cushaws 1.00
Miss Jean Mosley, Butler, first prize on canned figs50
G. W. Allen, Butler, first prize on pumpkins 1.00
J. O. Phillips, Lisman first prize on blackberries50
D. O. Phillips, Lisman, first prize on young mules 1.00
E. S. Burns, Lisman, first prize on canned tomatoes 1.00
E. E. Stapp & Co., Lisman, first prize on quilts, in trade 1.00
Rainer & Co., Lisman, first prize on pork shoulder in trade50
J. G. Horn & Son, Lisman, first prize on Sofa Pillow, in trade 1.00
R. M. Heron, Riderwood, first prize on apple jelly50
Supt. Zack Rogers, Butler, first prize on pillow cases 1.00
Mr. F. A. Miller, Butler first prize on Sow and litter 2.00
R. E. Moore, Lisman, first prize on Middling 2.50
W. J. Dansby, Butler, first prize on canned pears50
Judge W. H. Lindsey, Butler, first prizes on dresses 1.00

J. T. Banks,

C. C. T. S., Lisman, Ala.

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Alabama

Linden, Ala. Reporter
February 1935

ANNUAL NEGRO FARMERS'

CONFERENCE FEB. 22, 1935

The Marengo County Training School at Thomaston, Alabama announcing the Annual Negro Farmers Conference to be held in the school auditorium. The display of farm products will be a special feature of the conference. Prof. L. L. Brewer will again arrange this exhibition. A special invitation is extended to all citizens and friends of Marengo County. Prizes will be awarded for the best farm products etc. These prizes are special donations of our (white) friends and merchants.

Program

8:00 a. m. All exhibits open for inspection.

9:00 a. m. General assembly, Devotional exercises conducted by ministers of the county.

Topic—Home Ownership, by H. Rivers, Sr., W. J. Wilson B. J. Sharpe, General discuss

10:00 a. m. Addresses: P. J. Brock Farm Agent, Hale County. V. C. Turner, Alabama 4-H Agent, Tuskegee Institute.

11:00 a. m. Miscellaneous Hour.

12:00 M. Dinner.

1:00 p. m. Musical program.

1:30 p. m. Addresses: S. J. Phillips Farm Crop Division, Tuskegee Institute.

C. C. Pritchett, Planters Bank Trust Co., Thomaston, Ala. E. T. Norman and Members Marengo Co., Health Unit.

7:00 p. m. Special address and awarding prizes.

E. WENDELL PHILLIPS

Prince

Note: This is also our special Vespertine day for the scholastic year 1934-35.

Macon, Ga., Telegraph
January 24, 1935

NEGROES TO HEAR OF FARM OUTLOOK

**Agricultural Leaders to Appear
on Two-Day Program Start-
ing Here Today**

The agricultural outlook for 1935 for Negro farmers of Middle Georgia will be presented in a series of addresses to be made today and tomorrow at Central City college by leaders in many fields of agricultural endeavor.

The meeting has been planned by S. H. Lee, Negro county agent of Bibb and Monroe counties, and will start at 10 o'clock this morning. Farmers and their wives are invited to attend but are requested to bring something in the way of food to assist the school with dinner. The plan is similar to that which was employed last year.

Among those who are on the program are: B. F. Hubert, of Savannah, president of Georgia State Industrial college; S. W. Boynton, Selma, Ala., county agent of Dallas county; J. C. Booth of the Producers' Co-operative Exchange; W. M. Hubbard and Prof. Ira S. Glove of the Georgia State Teachers' college.

Wallace W. Hayes of Tuskegee Institute will talk on the outlook from a horticultural standpoint and P. H. Stone will speak of Negro work in the state. Mamie L. Wesley, home demonstration agent, will address the gathering on home and home improvement as well as conservation of the products raised by the farm.

The second day's program will continue with speakers who cannot be heard the first day. A co-operative plan as worked in Dallas county, Alabama, will be presented by Mr. Boynton.

Sandersville, Ga., Progress

January 17, 1935

Negro Farmers to

Meet January 29

Outlook meeting will be held at the court house January 29th.

Thos. W. Brown, the Negro county agent, has just returned from Savannah, where he attended a meeting held by State and United States Agricultural officials at the Georgia State Industrial College. Problems were discussed at this

meeting pertaining the Negro and better citizenship. At the local outlook meeting talks will be made on ways and means of providing sufficient food and feed for every family and their livestock.

In the past the Negro has been the South's greatest asset for making money. At the present the Negro is a liability and may prove to be the greatest cause for losing money in the rural districts.

Details for this meeting will be worked out by the next issue of the Progress. We are requesting that all land lords let their tenants attend this meeting.

THOS. W. BROWN,
Negro Agricultural Agent

FARMING DEVICES TOLD TO NEGROES

Successful Methods of Cultivation Explained to 100 Leading Farmers Here

Successful methods of cultivation and co-operation as carried out by other Negro groups were presented yesterday to a gathering of 100 leading Negro farmers of Bibb county at Central City college as S. H. Lee, Negro agricultural agent, brought to a close the second day of a two-day annual conference.

Reports from other conferences were given by P. H. Stone, state agent and by Alexander Hurst, state club agent, both of Savannah.

W. W. Hayes, Tuskegee institute, gave instruction on the care of orchards and advised the pruning of peach trees at this time. Other practical activities including the growing of trees for obtaining good results from orchards were related.

Co-operative activities among a group of 6,000 Negroes in Dallas county, Alabama, were related by W. H. Boynton of that county. He told of selling 10 carloads of turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas trade with 98 per cent sold by the Negroes of the county. More than 9,000 acres of winter legumes have been planted by the group, he said.

He attributed his success to the fact that men, women and 4-H club members were organized and exchanged ideas and successful practices.

Films of the benefit that had come from the Adjusted Agricultural program were shown by S. H. Lee. Others on the program who spoke briefly were Dr. W. G. Lee, Macon banker, and W. M. Hubbard of Forsyth.

NEGROES OF BIBB STUDY FARM LIFE

**Two-Day Session Ends at Central City College, Today;
Selma Agent Heard**

Negro farmers of Bibb county closed a two-day session today at Central City College after hearing a series of informative addresses by leaders in agricultural work in Georgia and other Southern states. Chief in the program today was the address of Prof. S. W. Boynton, Selma, Ala., county agent of Dallas county, who dealt with the problems of a large group of Negro farmers with whom he has worked and related the benefits from co-operative management and intelligent planning.

Pictures Are Shown

Varieties of vegetables that can be grown during the winter months were illustrated by an educational picture presented yesterday by Wallace W. Hayes, horticulturist of Tuskegee Institute.

His talk was given as part of the main theme of the meeting: Grow Your Living; Don't Buy It.

He showed collards, turnips, spinach, onions, white potatoes, lettuce, beets, mustard, tender greens, kale and rutabagas growing in winter gardens.

The work being done at Log Cabin center near Sparta, Ga., was related by Ben F. Hubert, president of the Georgia State Industrial College of Savannah, who told of the educational, agricultural and health activities including the growing of 3,000 bushels of wheat by the community.

Food Conserved

Canning methods among the farm homes in Bibb county were related by Mamie Wesley, Negro home demonstration agent, who reported over 1,000 quarts of pork and meat products had been conserved in addition to large quantities of fruits and vegetables.

Rev. M. A. Fountain of Stewart chapel and Rev. J. H. Gadson, president of Central City College both addressed the group, the college president with words of welcome and the pastor on Views of Life.

S. H. Lee, Negro county agricultural agent, who arranged for these meetings and for similar ones at Barnesville and Forsyth, presided and introduced the speakers.

Sparta, Ga., Macedonia
January 24, 1935

IMPORTANT MEETING OF NEGRO FARMERS CALLED

According to announcement made by Clifford Tapley local Negro Farm Agent, the Annual Outlook Meeting for 1935 and Farmer's Conference for Negro

farmers of Hancock County will be held Tuesday, January 29th at Macedonia Baptist church, Sparta, Ga., beginning at eleven o'clock. A Live-at-Home program will be general theme of the meeting. Among discussion to be held are: The Farm Outlook for 1935, The Cotton Acreage Reduction Program for 1935, Farm Loans, Farm Marketing and the 4-H Club program for 1935.

Among the speakers who have been invited to appear on the program are:

Prof. P. H. Stone, State Agent for Negro Work; Prof. Alexander Hurst, Negro State Club Agent; County Agent Leo Mercier, Prof. B. F. Hubert, of Georgia State Industrial College, and Prof. H. A. Hunt of the Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.

Every Negro farmer is urged to be present and be on time as this will be one of the most important meetings planned for the year for both those who plan to rent cotton land to the Federal Government and those who do not plan to rent any.

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Meeting For Negro Farmers Here Jan. 30th

The negro farmers will hold a conference and outlook meeting in the Jefferson County Courthouse on Wednesday January 30th.

Thomas W. Brown, negro agricultural agent for Jefferson, Washington and Johnson County will have charge of the meeting. The formulation of a Live at Home plan for tenant farmers and small

farmers will take up the main part of the program.

Dr. J. R. Lewis will give a talk to the Conference and Outlook meeting on the 1935 cotton program.

P. H. Stone, negro state agent from Savannah will talk about the value of club work and Thomas W. Brown will outline a farm program for 1935.

The major objective of this outlook program is to educate the tenant farmers of the county into seeing the need and dire necessity of making an effort to feed the family and stock at home and centering the main farming interest to this end. Advice and suggestions will be made relative to a money crop and how to market the money but food crops will be the first consideration.

A large crowd is expected to be in attendance.

January 24, 1935

Negro Farmers Gather to Discuss Agricultural Plans

Co-operation With Agricultural Administration Urged at Meeting.

More than a hundred leading negro farmers of Terrell county met in Dawson Thursday of the past week to receive instructions regarding crop adjustment and to discuss farm and home improvement needs for 1935.

William R. King, of Albany, negro farm agent for Lee, Terrell and Dougherty counties, who spends much of his time in Terrell county, was in charge of the meeting, and among outstanding needs emphasized during the day's session were diversification, co-operation with the agricultural administration, farm plans for the year, health conditions and home needs.

In the opinion of those attending the meeting was one of the helpful and practical gatherings of its kind that have been held in this county.

February 18, 1935

HAM SHOW IS SET IN PEACH COUNTY

Fort Valley Negroes to Have
Annual Conference of Farm-
ers on Feb. 28-March 1

FORT VALLEY, Ga., Feb. 18.—In conjunction with the annual farmers' conference and ham show, the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School will hold a state-wide economic conference on Friday, March 1. Through the co-operation of the school with the state division of vocational education, the Georgia state extension service, the state department of Negro education, and the Georgia emergency relief administration, federal and state officials, representing the various extension and relief organizations, will present the services of their departments to representatives of the farm and home demonstration agents, the vocational agriculture teachers, FERA teachers, and Jeanes supervisors from all over the state.

The conference will open on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28, with a large exhibit of cured hams and canned foods to be followed by a discussion of farm planning problems under the direction of Farm Demonstrator O. S. O'Neal and Home Demonstrator M. Toomer. The Friday morning session will open with a 4-H Club achievement day program to be followed by an open forum to be addressed by such speakers as Dr. M. D. Collins, state school superintendent; Miss Gay B. Shepperson, Georgia emergency relief administrator; W. T. Anderson, editor, Macon Telegraph; George Foster Peabody; R. L. Vansant, director, rural rehabilitation administration; H. A. Hunt, farm credit administration; Harry L. Brown, director, extension service; Dr. Arthur Wright, director, Jeanes and Slater funds; Dr. Will Alexander, chairman, interracial commission. These talks and discussions will continue through the afternoon and evening sessions with an old-fashioned Georgia barbecue and Brunswick stew dinner to be served.

It is the purpose of this conference to present to the various state workers among Negroes the various services of the state and federal governments available for the improvement of agriculture, housing, education, etc., and to co-ordinate the activities of the various state workers among Negroes to the end of enriching rural life in the state of Georgia.

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Frankfort, Ky. State Journal
August 13, 1935

NEGRO AGRICULTURISTS MEET IN CONVENTION

Negro agriculturists from throughout Kentucky began arriving here yesterday for the second annual conference of negro farmers opening today at the Kentucky State Industrial College. The conference, which will get under way officially today, will end Wednesday afternoon with sight-seeing trips about the capital and to Central Kentucky stock farms.

Kentucky

Conferences, Farmers-1935.

Call Conference Of Negro Farmers

There will be a Negro Farmers' Conference held in Yazoo City, Jan. 31, 1935, beginning at 9:30 a. m. and ending at 4 p. m. at the Afro-American Auditorium. Several hundred farmers are expected to be present under the supervision of D. W. Lindsey, Negro County Agent. Special speakers will be on program for this occasion. Part of the afternoon session will be taken up by Lina T. Brookins, Jeanes teacher, who will take charge of all school trustees. There will also be special speakers for this phase of the day's program. Every farmer and trustee is urged to attend this conference as it will be beneficial to all who attend.

Britte) \$19.00; Carter (M. L. Generett) \$15.00; Old Concord near Anding (G. W. Dow) \$24.50; Anding (G. W. Stutts) \$12.50; Mt. Pleasant (McGrew) \$12.00; Craig (Joe Woolfolk) \$8.00.

There will be two more communities to take part in this move. They are Myrleville and Mt. Zion. One of the most important phases of the program was the organization of the Yazoo County Negro Farmers Association with the following officers: M. L. Generette, Carter, president; G. W. Davis, Anding, vice-president; T. F. Stutts, Anding, treasurer; A. A. Cheek, Holly Bluff, secretary.

This association should do much to improve conditions among negro farmers in Yazoo County.

Negro Farmer In Interesting Meet

400 Negroes Attend Yazoo's First Colored Farmers' Conference

Four hundred negro farmers attended Yazoo County's first negro farmers' conference held here recently. This was a wonderful program carried out under the supervision of D. W. Lindsey, negro county agent. Speakers for this occasion were County Agent Noll P. Davis and State Agent M. M. Hubert. There was also an open discussion led by Rev. G. R. Session, colored, with "What Can We Farmers Do In 1935 to Better Living Conditions on the Farm?" as his subject.

Six communities co-operated and bought six registered big bone Poland China male hogs for breeding purposes. These communities brought in \$91.00 for this purpose. The amounts raised and the person who will have charge of the hogs follows: Holly Bluff, \$15.00; Carter, \$15.00; Old Concord, \$24.50; Anding, \$12.50; Mt. Pleasant, \$12.00; Craig, \$8.00.

Mississippi

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National Federation of Colored Farmers

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET Eight States Represented at Little

Rock Session
LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 27—(AP)—From 3,000 to 4,000 negro farmers from 21 states are expected here Monday for the four-day session of the National Federation of Colored Farmers.
Official representatives of eight states are expected for the event. Prominent agricultural leaders on the program include E. A. Miller of Washington, assistant director of the AAA cotton control program.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., EXTENDED FINE WELCOME

James P. Davis Re-elected As President—Other Officers Chosen

17 States were represented when the annual convention of National Federation of Colored Farmers convened for a four day session at the Samaritan building in Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 28. There were 1816 registrations. **11-15-35**

The first business session was held at the Congregational church on Monday evening when Mrs. Tillie E. Lewis of St. Louis, Mo., made the principal address. There were three minute talks by the members also.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the business session opened with a stirring address by Prof. Floyd Brown of Fargo, Ark., who represented the Negro farmers of Arkansas—holding an official commission issued by the Governor of the state, Hon. J. M. Futrelle. Prof. Brown told the members and delegates that organization was our salvation and that it meant more to the race than he could be able to stress.

Tuesday evening at the Congregational church the most interesting program in history of the federation was carried out. There were fully two hundred who were unable to gain admission into the church

The following program was carried out in its entirety:

Annual Convention

The National Federation of Colored Farmers, Inc., will convene in the City of Little Rock, October 28 through the 31, at which time the following program will be rendered:

PROGRAM

Monday—10 a. m.,—Oct. 28
Registration of delegates and members.

Report of Units.
Application for new members.
8:00 p. m.—selection, congregation
Invocation.
Business session.
Address, Mrs. Tillie F. Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.

Tuesday—11 a. m., Oct. 29
Address by official representatives from each state, led by Mr. Floyd Brown, Fargo, Ark.

Tuesday—8 p. m., Oct. 29
Song, assembly.
Invocation, Dr. A. T. Clarke, pastor First Congregational church
Selection, First Baptist choir.
Welcome Address on part of white citizens: Hon. R. E. Overman, Mayor.

Response, Judge Scipio A. Jones
Music, Mrs. Jimmie Bunting.
Welcome Address, on part of colored citizens: Bishop T. Thos. Demby, Episcopal Church.
Response, Dr. Arthur Hicks.
Music, First Baptist choir.
Address, Hon. E. A. Miller, Asst. Director of Cotton AAA, Washington, D. C.

Address, Hon. T. Roy Reed, Little Rock.
Invocation.
Music.
Address, Hon. Jos. N. B. Evans, Rural Resettlement Division, Washington, D. C.

Talk, "The Value of Organization," Hon. Chas. G. Henry, Mgr. of Mid South Cotton Growers Association.

11-15-35
Address, Hon. J. A. Jackson, New York, N. Y.

Awarding of Prizes, Prof. L. B. Boler, Charleston, Mo.

Wednesday—10 a. m., Oct. 30
Selection, assembly.
Invocation.

Three minute talks by members.
4:00 p. m.

Address by W. A. Banks, Humboldt, Tenn., commissioned by the governor.
Address, Prof. W. M. Hubbard, Forsythe, Ga., commissioned by the governor.

Hon. N. C. Simmons, business manager of Boley, Oklahoma the all Negro town made a very interesting talk and asked that the federation have one of its officials visit his city and state and he would give the cooperation in getting the race farmers organized.

The following telegrams were received and read to the members:

From Hon. Chester C. Davis, Administrator Agricultural Adjustment Administration: The colored farmers of the nation should be encouraged to cooperate for their good and that of their communities. I wish your organization the success it deserves.

From Hon. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture: The colored farmers have played an important part in the upbuilding of the south and other sections as well. Any movement aimed at cooperation for their common good deserves the support of all citizens.

From Hon. Cully A. Cobb, Director Cotton AAA: Please convey to the delegates attending the convention of the National Federation of Colored Farmers Inc., our deep appreciation for the expressions of confidence in and loyalty to the cotton program conveyed in your telegram of the 30th.

Our National Treasurer, Miss S. B. Wilson and Dr. Henry Allen Boyd wired as follows: Circumstances over which we have no control effecting our denominational

work prevent either the treasurer of the Federation, Miss Wilson and your humble servant from being present at your annual session. We have just reached the city from an extended tour through many states attending state conventions and must leave immediately for the Bahama Islands. May the blessings of an Al-wise Heavenly Father be with you and His spirit guide you in these deliberations.

Upon resolution offered by Prof. L. B. Boler and passed unanimously, the following telegram was sent to Hon. Cully A. Cobb, Director Cotton, Washington, D. C., In annual session with representation from 17 states, we give thanks for the splendid address by Hon. E. A. Miller. We wish to go on record asking that the cotton program be continued in its entirety during 1936.

The Arkansas Daily Democrat had the following write-up in their edition of Oct. 31:

OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED BY NEGRO FARMERS

Annual Convention of National Association to Close Today

J. P. Davis, re-elected president of the National Federation of Colored Farmers, was to bring the four day convention of that body to a close this afternoon at 4, with an address reviewing the accomplishments of the convention and outlining the 1936 program.

"This convention just ended," Davis said today, "is without a doubt the most successful in the history of the federation. The statements of approval made Tuesday night by E. A. Miller of the cotton division of AAA would in themselves make the convention a success."

"The National Federation of Colored Farmers," Davis quoted Mr. Miller as saying, "is the only Negro farm organization of its kind recognized and endorsed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration."

In a telegram sent today by unanimous vote of the convention to Cul-

y A. Cobb, director of Cotton for AAA, the Negro farmers said: "The National Federation of Colored Farmers in annual session in Little Rock with representatives from 17 states wish to go on record asking that the cotton program be continued in its entirety during 1936."

All officers who served during 1935 were re-elected for 1936. They are as follows: J. P. Davis of Little Rock, president; R. A. Byrd of Springfield, Ill., vice president; L. R. Harris of Moline, Ill., secretary; S. B. Wilson of Nashville, Tenn., treasurer, and C. R. Richardson of Richmond, Ind., chairman of the board of directors. L. B. Boles of Charleston, Mo., was chosen national organizer and S. M. Ballard of Little Rock national publicity representative. The latter two will travel throughout the entire cotton belt in 1936 in the interest of the organization. Indications of the work done by the Federation of Colored Farmers in bringing about a feeling of cooperation and agreement between the races are given in telegrams received today from Washington, Davis said.

Chester C. Davis, AAA administrator, in a telegram to the convention today said: "The Negro farmers of the nation should be encouraged to cooperate for their good and that of their communities. I wish your organization the success it deserves." Henry Wallace, secretary of agriculture, in another telegram said: "The Negro farmers have played an important part in the upbuilding of the South and other sections as well. Any movement aimed at cooperation for their common good deserves the support of all citizens." No selection as to the time and place for the 1936 convention had been made at noon today, Davis announced.

Lumberton, N. C. Robersonian
January 17, 1935

Colored Farmers Meet Here 24th

Annual Outlook Meeting Will Be Held in Court House in Lumberton.

The annual county-wide meeting of colored farmers and farm women will be held in the courthouse in Lumberton Thursday, January 24, at 1 p. m., S. T. Brooks, colored farm agent, and Lillian M. Debnam, colored home demonstration agent, announce. Three speakers from the extension department have been secured to speak, and there will be others from the county who will help to make the program interesting. Effort is being made to get a speaker from the board of county commissioners.

Much information on the farm program for 1935 will be given. Farmers and their wives are urged to attend.

The 4-H Club of Marietta sang its club song, followed by a yell. Remarks were made by the county nurse, Mrs. Henry Sloan. In her talk, she mentioned the splendid cooperation among the families in having their children vaccinated and guarding against typhoid fever and smallpox. Prof. E. C. Debnam, vocational instructor, of Fairmont, gave a poultry culling demonstration. He expressed the importance of culling at the right time, and explained how to select non-layers from layers. "Poor Little Lamb" was sung by the 4-H Club of Lumberton and "Good Night, Good Night, Beloved," by the 4-H quartet of Lumber Bridge.

Robeson Colored Farmers' Annual Meet Held Here

Speakers Stress Need For Co- operation—4-H Clubs Entertain with Songs.

ATTENDANCE OF 400

More than 400 colored men, women and children filled the courthouse here Thursday afternoon, to witness the interesting and instructive annual program of the farmers of Robeson County, sponsored by Lillian M. Debnam, Home Demonstration agent, and S. T. Brooks, farm agent.

The meeting was opened with

the congregation singing "America," after which invocation was offered by Rev. W. H. Humphrey of Lumberton. 4-H Clubs of Parkton, Shannon and Hilly Branch rendered the following selections, respectively: "Gonna Walk all over God's Heaven," "Listen to De Lambs", and "Be A Booster for the 4-H Club".

A very interesting address was made by Mr. C. R. Hudson, state agent of negro extension work. He took as his main topic "The New Deal." One of the greatest things that the president is teaching us by this New Deal, he said, is the real value of cooperation. Encouraging and helpful remarks were made by Mrs. Mary T. Kearns, E. R. A. case worker, and Mrs. Estelle Smith, District Home Agent.

Need Cooperation.
Master of ceremonies, S. T. Brooks, made brief remarks, stressing the importance of the meeting at this season. He then called on Lillian Debnam to introduce the first speaker, Dazelle F. Lowe, district home agent, who took as her subject "The New Agriculture and the Farm Home." She spoke of the necessity of cooperation among "Mr. and Mrs. Farmer" and the family.

Win Awards.
Lonnie Thompson was awarded the prize offered for the corn growing contest and Ida Fulmore won the first prize offered in the Ball Bros. canning contest. Several clubs had exhibits on display. The meeting adjourned with the audience singing, "I'll Grow My Home Supplies."

Explains Culling.
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New Year Outlook.
Dist. Farm Agent John W. Mitchell made a very interesting talk, taking as his subject, "Outlook for 1935." The need for better understanding between the wife and husband in planning and spending was emphasized. He also explained to the audience how the federal government, through President Roosevelt, had supplied the missing link. His talk was full of wholesome information and inspiration.

"4-H Workers" was sung by the club of Panthersford, followed by a yell. Brief remarks were made by Mr. J. R. Poole, county school superintendent. Mr. W. K. Be-thune represented the county commissioners. "I Ain't Gonna

Study War no More" and "Go Down Moses" were sung by the 4-H Clubs of Parkton and Shannon. A very interesting address was made by Mr. C. R. Hudson, state agent of negro extension work. He took as his main topic "The New Deal." One of the greatest things that the president is teaching us by this New Deal, he said, is the real value of cooperation. Encouraging and helpful remarks were made by Mrs. Mary T. Kearns, E. R. A. case worker, and Mrs. Estelle Smith, District Home Agent.

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The next speaker was Prof. Wm. J. Edwards, principal of the Snow Hill Institute, well known Negro school at Snow Hill, Alabama. Prof. Edwards has labored for many years at Snow Hill. Among his former students he proudly counts E. M. McDuffie, of the Laurinburg Institute, and Congressman Mitchell, who last year defeated Oscar DePriest, Negro congressman from Illinois. Among other things Prof. Edwards emphasized the importance of home ownership for colored people, and asked for a show of hands on this question. It was surprising to see how many held up their hands and said they were home owners and land owners. Many others held up their hands and said they were tenants.

A half dozen or more white men representing the board of county commissioners, the Scotland county public school system, and the Farm Loan Association were present and had part on the program. Mr. C. D. McCormick, secretary and treasurer of the Laurinburg National Farm Loan Association, was introduced to the meeting and explained the plan of operation of the farm loan associations and how those aspiring to land ownership may secure loans on easy terms from the Federal land banks.

Mr. L. M. Peele talked on the work of the Laurinburg Institute as an educational institution and commended its work and that of E. M. McDuffie in the community and in the county.

Mr. W. H. McNairy, of the Laurinburg schools, spoke on the subject of agriculture and the Federal homestead projects, which are expected to offer ambitious farmers of both races an opportunity to become land owners and achieve economic security for themselves.

The white men were guests at a special dinner served in the home economics building by the teacher and students of that department of the schools. It was an elegant meal attractively served.

At the same hour the colored farmers and farm women were guests at a banquet in the dining hall of the school with E. M. McDuffie as toastmaster. Music for this occasion was furnished by the school orchestra.

Salisbury, N. C. Post
February 10, 1935

Negro Farmers To Hold Meet Next Thursday

The county-wide "Outlook" meeting for negro farmers and farm women will be held at the Community building auditorium in Salisbury on next Thursday morning from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock. The object of this meeting is to better acquaint the colored farmers with the new deal and the extension program, while there will also be explanations of the state corn contest for 4-H clubs boys and men, the biscuit contest and other contests for women.

The speakers for the occasion will be C. R. Hudson, state director of negro extension work and John W. Mitchell, district agent. Their talks are expected to be very beneficial in helping the negro farmers to solve their problems. All the farmers and their friends are urged to attend the meeting and to bring problems on which they desire information.

A. C. Grant, farm agent for this county, will give pruning and grafting demonstrations this week in the following order:

Monday, Feb. 11th—Hawkinstown, Franklin township.
Tuesday, Feb. 12th—Kessler's Providence township.
Wednesday, Feb. 13th, morning—County-wide farmers meeting.
Wednesday, Feb. 13th, noon—Bear Poplar, Steele township.
Thursday, Feb. 14th—Landis China Grove township.
Friday, Feb. 15th—Brookside Cleveland township.
Saturday, Feb. 16th—Neely's China Grove township.

Troy, N. C. Herald
March 7, 1935

Annual Conference For Negro Farmers

On Saturday, March 16, at 10 o'clock A. M. the Negro farmers of Montgomery county will meet in their seventh annual conference at Peabody Academy.

The program has been arranged to include several speakers in the county who have been asked to discuss live subjects of every day living and farming. Prof. Mabry of A & T. College and Prof. Buffalo of Anson county will be the visiting speakers and the farmers are anticipating a big day. All persons, says Prof E. D. Sinclair, principal of the Peabody school, who are interested in farming in any way are invited to come and help make it a big affair, one to be remembered as constructive and informative for farmers.

Greensboro, N. C. News

April 12, 1935

LAND IS GRANTED TO NEGRO FARM GROUP

Large Tract Is Donated to
New North State Farmers
By E. J. Reid, of Winton.

SPEAKING FINALS HELD

Announcement was made yesterday at the annual convention here of the New North State farmers that J. E. Reid, of Winton, had granted the organization a large tract of land known as Chowan beach, located near Winton.

S. B. Simmons, state supervisor of negro vocational agriculture, who made the announcement, explained that the property will be developed into a camp site for the use of the negro vocational students throughout the state. It is to be developed along lines similar to the camp at White lake for white vocational students.

Because the donor could not be present to make the presentation personally, Professor McKinney, instructor of vocational agriculture at Winton, made the gift. His remarks were responded to by James Reid, president of the organization.

It was the second day of the annual convention at A. and T. college here. Dr. Roy H. Thomas, state di-

rector of vocational agriculture, was keynoter at the public speaking contest held during the afternoon. He summarized the history of the organization from its beginning in 1927. At that time there were only 29 chapters, or departments, in the state. Today there are 42 chapters with a total enrollment of 1,500 students. He also spoke of the community work that is being carried on by the organization, of the money being saved from projects by members.

Following him, the finals of the public speaking contest were held, with the A. and T. college quartet furnishing the music. The subject of the oration was "Production Control as an Asset to the Farmer."

On the basis of composition and delivery, Milton Zachary, of Winfall industrial school, and Oliver Carter, of Martin county training school, were adjudged winners of first place, each scoring 90. M. C. Lancston, of the Johnston county training school, Smithfield, won second place with a score of 79 and William Hardison, of the Nash county training school, Nashville, won third place with a score of 76.

These winners go to the national wide meet in Tuskegee, Ala., as representatives from this state.

The college gave the visiting delegates a banquet to lift them from the low spirits into which they were cast by the hard competition encountered during the day's judging events. E. Pettiford, of

Spring Hope, president of the South Atlantic district organization, was the chief speaker. Professor Simmons, who acted as toastmaster, called on several students from the various chapters to speak and the response was pleasing. He explained that winners of the various judging contests will be announced today. The meeting will close with the business session this morning. At this time new officers will be elected.

Greensboro, N. C., News
November 11, 1935

Negro Farmers Hold Achievement Day Program; Many Exhibits Are Displayed

Other participants in the program were W. R. Laws, subject matter specialist; John W. Mitchell, district agent, and Prof. C. E. Dean, of A. and T. college.

Negro Farmers' Achievement day, observed Saturday at A. and T. college, proved a highly successful event as farmers from all sections of the county assembled at the college with numerous kinds of agricultural and home exhibits. There were a wide assortment of farm products, an excellent display of quilts and knitted bedspreads and a splendid showing of cotton dresses made by the Community club.

The program was opened at 10 o'clock with the invocation, by Rev. S. G. Gilmer. The purpose of the meeting was explained by Local Agent W. B. Harrison.

Dr. M. F. Spaulding delivered the welcome address to the farmers. Dr. Spaulding referred to the college as a great source of valuable information for farmers throughout North Carolina. He emphasized the idea that the college doors stand open to aid the farmers at all times.

Several reports were given from community leaders. D. L. Morgan, of Sedalia told about his success through the use of lespedeza for a hay crop, and W. G. Smith reported a successful demonstration of the use of lespedeza on his farm in the Beulah community. He reported that on land where he produced only 17 bushels of corn before planting lespedeza he harvested this year, following lespedeza, 40 bushels of corn per acre.

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The splendid cotton dress display given by the women in home demonstration work proved quite a difficult problem for the judges of the contest. The first prize was awarded to R. E. Foust, the second to Doretha Edwards, and the third to Jessie Stewart.

R. Flake Shaw, county commissioner, congratulated the farmers upon the fine products shown on exhibit. He gave a brief sketch of his experience as a farmer. He stated that the first essential for a successful farm is a good soil improvement program.

He also stated that the farmers of Guilford county have many things that they should be proud of, namely the county was first to employ full time county workers, first to pay the teachers a supplemental salary, first to construct an institution for the tuberculosis patients, and first to set up a real practical soil erosion program.

Selections were rendered by the 4-H club octette from Florence high school.

Miss Willie Hunter, clothing specialist of State college, spoke of the cotton dress contest. She maintained that the people should co-operate as much as possible with the home demonstration agent, Annie M. Murray.

Spartanburg Herald
March 25, 1935

Jorie B. Cunningham, of Reidville.
All farmers are asked to be present.

NEGROES TO HOLD FARM CONFERENCE

Several Speakers Will Be
Heard at Session on
Thursday

Approximately 1,000 negro farmers of Spartanburg County are expected to an annual conference to be held Thursday, beginning at 11 a.m., at Foster's Grove Church, in the Cherokee Springs community, according to W. C. Bunch, negro farm agent.

Among the speakers will be James A. Tolbert of Greenville; L. V. Starkey, head of the animal husbandry department of Clemson College, and J. C. Pridemore, representative of the Barrett Company.

Others include H. E. Daniel, state agent for negro extension of the state college at Orangeburg; Marion B. Paul, state supervisor of negro home demonstration work, Columbia; A. E. Henderson, Inman; Marjorie B. Cunningham, Reidville; J. C. Brown, Spartanburg, Route 1; J. R. Fant, Roebuck and Dr. T. K. Gregg of Spartanburg.

Music will be given during the meeting, and dinner will be served.

All farmers are asked to be present.

Spartanburg S. C. Journal
March 25, 1935

NEGRO FARMERS MEET THURSDAY FOR CONFERENCE

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Speakers on the program include James A. Tolbert, of Greenville; L. V. Starkey, head of the animal husbandry department of Clemson College, and J. C. Pridemore representative of the Barrett Company; H. E. Daniel, state agent for negro extension work of the state college at Orangeburg; Marion B. Paul, state supervisor of negro home demonstration work, Columbia; A. E. Henderson, of Inman, and Mar-

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Tennessee.

Murfreesboro, Tenn
NEWS-BANNER

MAR 12 1935 NEGRO LEADERS ON PROGRAM HERE

Congressman Mitchell, Of
Chicago, Talks At
Holloway

By MARY ELLEN VAUGHN

A one day farmers institute and home makers in school was held for the colored farmers, their wives, sons and daughters of Rutherford county at Holloway high school Saturday, March 9.

The program was divided into two sections. The morning session was featured by demonstrations.

In the women and girls department Mrs. C. H. Springer, director department of home economics, A & I State college, conducted for the group lessons in block-making hats, how to repair and make mattresses, how to mend electric cord, to recover an old umbrella, revive old furniture, desirable uses of sugar or flour sacks and such other work as serves to help better prepare the teacher or supervisor for duty.

In the men and boys group demonstrations were given in building barns and screening of houses proper care of all farm tools, drapery of furniture made from fruit boxes. This was conducted by Prof. T. D. Upshaw, vocational teacher, school on wheels, A & I State college. Organizing the farm business so as to provide an adequate food and feed supply was demonstrated by Prof. G. B. Thackston, vocational supervisor of Middle Tennessee.

There were lectures, round table discussions and the like, presided over by Prof. W. S. Davis, director department agriculture A & I.

Prof. R. E. Clay, Rosenwald agent, was in charge of this meeting and is one of the most con-

structive and valuable figures in school chorus.

the negro farmers in Tennessee. A very enjoyable dinner was

This was the third conference served by the home economics girls as such held at Murfreesboro under the efficient instructor, Mrs. There was an indication of growth. P. Pope. This conference ing interest in improved methods brought new methods for the work of progressive farming. and showed marked advancement

The afternoon session went along all lines and proved one of addresses of Congressman Arthur the most successful conferences Mitchell, of Washington, D. C., and ever held.

Mrs. W. J. Hale, of A & I State college. Principal Greene in fitting language introduced Mrs. W. J. Hale. The noted educator thrilled the audience with her subject matter, Better Home Movement of the Colored Group in Tennessee.

Congressman Mitchell, the next speaker, was introduced by Prof. R. E. Clay with fitting remarks who stated that the Congressman was one of the outstanding friends of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington.

The speaker said in part: "A man's ability to succeed depends entirely upon himself.

"If he is an honest worker and not a complainer he certainly can have the chance of working his way up." He declared that the South is a land of opportunity to the man who is willing to work his way to success, but if he thinks he is going to rise on idle imagination, and not by the common heritage of work, he will be disappointed.

The speaker pleaded for his race to do the job. Make your own record in life. There is no one to do it for you. Work out your own problems right here. Launch out. Have courage, determination. Take a chance. If you succeed you will pay the price. The speaker declares that the whole country is being remade and there is a great revolution.

The congressman challenged the group to be in earnest, seize the moment what you can do and begin. The race of life is not what you are, but what can you do. Your legitimate destiny speaks in your character. Other prominent speakers who graced this meeting were Mr. Turner, Prof. W. J. Hale, Jr., Dr. Dillingham and Prof. Thackston. These helpful addresses were received with warm appreciation and enthusiasm. Mu-

4,000 PERSONS HEAR ADDRESS BY 'SYLVESTER'

Farmer Who Telephoned
President to Save Farm
Talks at Conference

JACKSON, Tenn.—(CP)

—The presence of three bishops, other church dignitaries, Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell, a college president, professors, newspapermen and other important personages, did not prevent Sylvester Harris, Mississippi farmer who became nationally famous overnight because of a telephone call he made to President Roosevelt, from stealing the whole show here Friday night, March 8, at the closing session of the Lane College Farmers' conference.

He addressed an audience of about 4,000 persons at the auditorium of the Tennessee National Guard Armory. "Sylvester" was presented immediately following a musical program by the Lane college 150-voice chorus and the girls' glee club directed by Prof. Isaac Berry and Mrs. Corrie V. Stephens of the Lane college music department.

Has Conversation With President "Sylvester" related incidents leading to his calling the President over telephone. He said he had become involved in debt because he was trying to keep his word to his mother, having promised her on her dying bed he would take care of a brother as she requested him.

He mortgaged his 120-acre farm to aid his brother who was later unable to take care of the note and

"Sylvester" was about to lose his much prized fine farm. It was then that he decided to call the President. "I had a hard time," he said, "but I got him at last. If ever a man had a hard time with 120 acres of land, I is that man."

Harris then told of his faith in God and prayer, stating, "You know I is a good Baptist." Evidently recalling that he was talking on a program under Methodist auspices, he said, "Yes, us good Baptists believes in prayer. But there ain't much difference betwixt Methodists and Baptists."

Has Keen Sense of Humor

Displaying a keen sense of humor and considerable presence of mind, the untutored Mississippian said, "Naw, there ain't much difference betwixt you Methodists and us Baptists. Once a man told me the little difference betwixt us—and here it is: He says: The Methodists knows he is going to hell; and the Baptist he don't know where in the hell he is going." The audience roared with laughter for several minutes as the Mississippi farmer took his seat. Several hundred white people were in the audience. It is said a large percentage of the audience came for the sole purpose of seeing and hearing the Mississippi farmer.

"Sylvester" related many of his life's struggles, particularly how he had been hard hit in keeping his word, due to the shortcomings of others.

Following the program Friday night at the National Guard Armory, "Sylvester's" picture was made along with a group of other celebrities on the platform, and a second group picture in which "Sylvester" is included was made in the dining room of the home of Dr. J. F. Lane, president of the institution, under whose auspices the farmers' conference was held.

NEGRO FARMERS' ANNUAL INSTITUTE

The Negro division of the Middle Tennessee Farmers' Institute will hold its annual session at the experiment station at Columbia on Thursday, August 8. It will be a joint session of men and women.

L. R. Neel, Superintendent of the Experiment Station, will make the welcoming address at 9:15 A.M. This will be followed by appointment of committees by President Mack C. Smith.

Miss Lena Warner of U. T., Knoxville, will speak on "Rural Health and Sanitation". An address by O. E. Van Cleave, state agricultural commissioner, will be on "The Work of the Department of Agriculture". President J. F. Porter of Tennessee State Farm Bureau, Columbia, will speak on "The Farm Bureau... "Farm Credit" will be the topic of H. A. Hunt, assistant to the governor of the Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C.

After lunch there will be a "cream quality" demonstration by L. S. Edwards, of U. T., Knoxville. This will be followed by a tour of the experiment farm, viewing experimental crops and livestock.

The following topics, with Miss K. B. Gresham, field agent, in charge, will be discussed: "Home Improvement at Small Cost", by Miss Lillian Keller, extension specialist, U. T., Knoxville; "Sanitation in the Home", Mrs. B. F. Davis, Columbia; "Better Homes Reports", Mesdames Nannie Bailey, Lincoln County, Bessie Smith, Giles County, and Bertie Mallory, Dickson County; and finally, "What the Home Demonstration Club Has Meant To Me," by Mrs. Ollie Bolton, Mulberry, Tennessee

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FINE MEETING NEGRO FARMERS

Fifth Annual Institute Here Proves
Big Success; Crowd Estimated At
500

The fifth annual meeting of the Negro Farmers of Middle Tennessee at the Experiment Station here Thursday proved the most largely attended and successful ever attempted. The meeting attracted 500 colored farmers and farm women from throughout this section of the state.

The meeting was called to order by Mack C. Smith, president and the address of welcome was delivered by L. R. Neel, superintendent of the Experiment Station. Mr. Neel briefly outlined the work which is being done at the Experiment Station for the benefit of all

the farmers of the state, pointing to the many experiments which are in progress there, and the information which agricultural leaders hope to obtain as a result of these experiments.

The State department of agriculture was represented by Dr. V. L. Fuqua who brought a message from Commissioner O. E. Van Cleave.

H. A. Hunt of the Farm Credit Administration of the federal government told of how loans are being made available to the farmers of the nation.

The visiting farmers took advantage of the opportunity to visit the experimental plots and to gain first hand information as to the work being done at the station.

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NEGRO FARMERS' INSTITUTE HERE

The colored people will hold a Farmer's Institute in Franklin at the Colored School building Saturday beginning at 10 o'clock.

The morning session will be given over to speakers from A. and I. State College for colored people, Nashville, on such subjects as "Cleanliness and Beautification of Homes," "Management of Poultry," "Prevention of Disease."

There will also be a department for women and girls, with A. and I. speakers.

A general meeting will be held from 1 to 2 o'clock in the afternoon, followed by a football game from 2:30 to 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wilson were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, of Lewisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Abernathy, of Nashville, spent the week-end in Memphis and will be guests this week-end of Mrs. Abernathy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lem Cooke. Mr. and Mrs. Miller Brannon will also be with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke. During Mr. and Mrs. Brannon's absence in Atlanta last week little Bobby Brannon was here with his grandparents.

Mrs. Mary Britt has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Nichol Britt, of Huntsville, Ala.

Misses Mary Alice Nolen, Dorothy King, Margaret North and Elizabeth Henderson leave tomorrow for Knoxville, to attend the Vandervilt-U. T. game on Saturday.

Conferences, Farmers-1935

TEACHERS AND FARMERS HEAR MANY EXPERTS

Education, Medicine, Economics Farming Discussed

LAWRENCEVILLE—Practical every phase of rural life was presented before a conference of almost 500 farmers and their wives held at St. Paul's School here Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21 and 22. Simultaneously teachers from all over Brunswick County met here for a two day conference on the new curriculum.

The concurrent meeting of the two groups which as an annual feature is known as the Farmer-Teacher Institute made possible the joint consideration by both groups of subjects of mutual interest. Instruction was given by experts of education, medicine, forming and economics.

The institute was under the direction of the following committee: the Rev. J. S. Russell, president, Farmers' Institute; the Rev. J. Alvin Russell, president, Teachers' Institute; George E. Majette, director, agriculture, St. Paul's School; Mrs. Ophelia Haines, supervisor, Negro Public Schools, Brunswick County, and W. H. Williams, farm agent, Brunswick County.

Sessions Open Thursday

The institute opened Thursday morning with a general session in Kirby Auditorium where prayers were conducted by the Rev. Basil Kent of Lunenburg County, Va., address of welcome by Principal Russell and the response by T. G. Wright, farmer of Rawlings City. "Vegetable Growing and Fighting Insects" the first topic, handled by J. S. Higginbotham, garden specialist, Hampton Institute. By means of specimens preserved in alcohol, the farmers were able to actually see the insects for themselves.

John L. Charity, district agent, gave a demonstration in culling chickens. He showed a good and a poor laying hen. The facts and figures produced were eye-openers and a general discussion followed.

On the second day he discussed "Water in Farm Homes." He illustrated how water could be drawn from a well 20 feet deep into a farm home, even if it stood 100 feet away at a cost ranging from fifty to eighty dollars with a small ram and pipe. He and the farm agent offered their services to any farmer in helping to get the elevation of the house from the spring and finding out what size ram and cost of complete installation.

Rotation Of Crops

Orleanis Reid, economist, Virginia State College, discussed arranging farm buildings, farm layout, rotation of crops and the balance of crops and livestock as to

furnish economic use of the farm-ers labor and horse labor. He stated that the diversified system fur-nished an income that could be spread throughout the year.

Asa Sims, horticulturist, Hamp-ton College, integrated a minia-ture well arranged farm with his people, including the wives, son and daughters of farmers, showing how present farm-steads might be improved

upon for beautification and eco-nomy. Dr. F. D. Moton, state board of health, talked to the teachers and farmers on preven-tion of tuberculosis.

T. B. Patterson, district agent, spoke on "Relationship between leaders and farmers." He first defined a leader and then discussed the duty and obligation of a leader. He gave examples and the great possibilities which may come from the re-sult of their service. He named leaders of Brunswick County who were living up to the qualifications of good leadership.

A purely agricultural program was given on Thursday night under the direction of Mr. Majette.

Visitors Present

The institute was attended by many outstanding educators among whom were W. D. Gresham, supervisor, Negro education, state board of education; Dr. Robert W. Patton, director, American Church Institute for Negroes, New York City; Dr. Wallace A. Battle, field secretary, American Church In-stitute for Negroes; L. R. Reynolds, director, Interracial Cooperation, Richmond; and R. Lee Chambliss, superintendent, Brunswick County. Music was furnished by the St. Paul Singers under the direction of Miss J. L. Cole.

33 COUNTIES REPRESENTED AT STATE MEET

Wives, Daughters and Sons Participate In Sessions

PETERSBURG, Va.—The eleventh annual state Farmers' Conference, held at Virginia State College April 17, under the auspices of the divisions of agriculture and home economics, attracted to the College campus a far no-mment at the end of an era of ex-ploitation of natural resources

Now that the frontier has disap-peared and there are no more free lands in the West, American civil-ization will crumble unless we adopt a new policy of conservation rather than exploitation, he be-lieves.

Coming from thirty-three agri-cultural counties of the State, the farmers gathered constituted the largest group of farm people ever assembled at a State meeting, ac-cording to District Agent T. B. Patterson, who has worked in the agricultural extension service for seventeen years.

Discuss New Deal

Keynote of this year's Confer-ence was, "Means of Making Ad-justment to the New Economic Sit-uations Brought on by the 'New Deal'." Through lectures, open forum, group discussions, and dem-onstrations, opinions of experts were presented and their practical application displayed.

President John M. Gandy wel-comed the farmers to the campus in the opening exercise. He told the delegates that the college ex-ists principally to serve their needs and to promote their best interests and cited the activities of the Col-lege's divisions of agriculture and home economics in the immediate community of the college and in various counties of the state as proof of his assertion.

Principal speakers at the confer-ence were Direction J. R. Hutcher-son, Virginia Extension Service; Dr. Carl C. Taylor, regional direc-tor, Land Policy Division of the A. A. A. and Orleanis Reid, Jr., agricultural economist, Virginia State College.

Speaking on the subject, "The New Deal As It Affects Negro Farmers." Mr. Hutcherson de-clared that the purpose of the "New Deal" is to bring about readjustment between agricultur- and industry and added:

No Need Of Cursing

"The government is made up of you and me. There is no need of cursing it out for I believe it is doing all that it can for the man-farthest down." All farmers are better off today than they were a year ago, he said in effect, and advised the people to study, reas-son, and think carefully before passing judgment on the New Deal.

Dr. Carl Taylor spoke on the subject, "Why Have We Got This New Deal?" In answer to this pertinent question the learned economist asserted that the New Deal came as an inevitable devel-opment at the end of an era of ex-ploitation of natural resources

Now that the frontier has disap-peared and there are no more free lands in the West, American civil-ization will crumble unless we adopt a new policy of conservation rather than exploitation, he be-lieves.

What has happened had to hap-pen regardless of the party in pow-er. We can not go on in the fu-ture as we have been going in the past. We will never build a civil-ization until we can own land and live on it. I believe in a patriot-ism that looks to the future rather than to the past," Dr. Taylor said.

Some Natural Resources

And that future must be one in which less emphasis is placed on commercial farming and more at-tention given to conservation of natural resources, for America's great wealth is owing more to abundant and rich natural re-sources than to superior intelli-gence and industriousness, advised the learned economist.

Other speakers were Field Agent J. B. Pierce; D. F. Fenn, Director of Agriculture, Hampton Insti-tute; District Agent T. B. Patter-son and District Agent John L. Charity.

Mrs. Hunter Demonstrator

Mrs. M. F. V. Hunter, director, Virginia State's division of Home Economics, conducted the canning demonstration, displaying a new type of steam pressure canner suit-able for community canning on a large scale.

In charge of the demonstration of "Clothing for the Family" was Mrs. C. W. Armstrong, instructor in clothing on the college home

economics faculty. J. E. Settle, as-sociate professor of animal hus-bandry, managed the live stock demonstration; and J. L. Lockett, director of the division of agricul-ture, demonstrated soil conserva-tion and crop production.

To stimulate interest and to in-crease attendance at the confer-ence this year, three cash prizes were offered to the farm or home demonstrations agent bring-ing the largest delegation the greatest distance. First prize of \$4.00 went to Mrs. Y. B. Flagg of Bed-ford County, who brought 27 dele-gates a distance of 121 miles. K. C. Rowe, of Isle of Wight County, took second prize, \$3.00, bringing 47 delegates 60 miles. The third prize of \$2.00 went to C. W. Youg of Gloucester County, who brou

27 delegates 84 miles. Blackstone, Va., Courier August 9, 1935

Negro Farmers Hear Practical Information From Experts

The Annual Negro Farmers Con-ference held at Jennings Ordinary on Wednesday, July 31, was a great success. More than 300 men and women listened attentively, while

F. S. Gammack, of Hampton Insti-tute, Hampton, Virginia, lectured and demonstrated methods in mak-

ing poultry raising a success. Fol-lowing his lecture, Mr. Gammack culled a crate of chickens, explain-ing to the people why he took out the culled birds. After the culling

demonstration he called on various members of the audience to assist him in killing these birds in a scien-tific manner. In this demonstra-tion he showed them how to prepare a chicken for different forms of cooking by the dry picking process which is indeed a labor-saving method.

In addition to this, Mr. Gam-mack told of ways in which dis-eases and parasites prevalent in the farm flock might be controlled. He said:

"The best policy when a bird becomes sick is to kill it, because it may be affected with contagious diseases like cholera, fowl typhoid, or tuberculosis, and maybe trans-ferred from the sick birds to the healthy ones. The houses, feeding and drinking utensils should be cleaned and disinfected."

Mr. Gammack also advised poultry raisers to give the entire flock a dose of Epsom Salts in proportion to one-half tablespoon to the adult fowl. He suggested the use of disinfectants in prevention of parasites in the chicken houses. One of the best disinfectants, he said, is creosol, which may be purchased ready for use. One-half of it added to 8 quarts of water makes the proper solution for poultry houses. Ordinary tobacco dust sprinkled on the roost pole is also a means by which mites and lice can be prevented from sucking the birds at night. He also mentioned the method of killing lice on poultry by putting a stream of noctine sulphate on the roost poles with a machine sifter just before roosting time.

After the Annual Picnic Dinner, furnished by the farmers, J. E. Settle, of Virginia State College, gave a demonstration in butchering. While Mrs. Rower, vice-president of the Jennings Ordinary Demonstration Club, in the absence of Mrs. Hunter, showed the ladies how to can chicken, beef, and pork. Following Mr. Settle, C. J. Wartman of Virginia State College, in plain language, told the farmers how to improve their soil. Donald F. Fenn, of Hampton Institute, gave the gathering some highlights on the present agricultural situation from an economic standpoint.

The meat to be canned was kept cool in an oil burning refrigerator, furnished the meeting through the courtesy of the Bradshaw Motor Company of Crewe, Virginia. While the canning operation itself was sped on its way with the help of a gasoline range furnished through the courtesy of Sears Roebuck Company of Richmond, Virginia.

As people under twenty were asked not to attend the meeting, it was composed entirely of adults who came with a strong determination to learn something. The county leaders, speakers, and others in attendance, heartily endorsed the meeting as a very, very successful venture in teaching the farmers of these two counties how to live at home.